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### IDAHO'S 2005 POTATO PRODUCTION REVISED UP 1.1 PERCENT

Final disposition numbers show Idaho's 2005 potato crop totaling 118 million cwt, an increase of 1.1 percent from earlier estimates, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. Field run yield of 366 cwt is 4 cwt more than the previous estimate. Harvested area for the 2005 crop was 323,000 acres. Sugarbeet production of 5.05 million tons from 187,000 harvested acres is up 12 percent from a year ago. Yield of 27.0 tons per acre is down from 2005's 27.1 tons per acre.

Production of 2005 fall potatoes is finalized at 383 million cwt, 7 percent below both the 2004 and 2003 crops. Area harvested, at 949,000 acres, was 7 percent below the previous year and down 13 percent from two years ago. The average yield was 403 cwt per acre, up 2 cwt from 2004 and 27 cwt above 2003. Sugarbeet production for 2006 is forecast at 32.4 million tons, 2 percent above the August forecast and 18 percent above last year's production.

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